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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT  
GOPALLAWA'S BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE

REF: COLOMBO 2385

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD  
TO PRESIDENT GOPALLAWA:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME  
MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES  
REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES  
OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO  
WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS  
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.  
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

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3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE ABOVE TEXT BUT  
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